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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Sunday to you all! This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, which may be one of the most undervalued and underappreciated major feasts in the Church's calendar. It should be no surprise that it is challenging to understand how to celebrate this part of the Paschal mystery, because, on the surface, it seems to be about Jesus leaving and so it is easier to focus on celebrating Pentecost and Easter. One of the easiest ways to grow in appreciation for this feast is to see it not as something that happened in the past, but something that is happening right now. Christ, our head, is ascending into heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father, and we, the members of His Body, are being taken up with him. Theologian Jean Corbon says in The Wellspring of Worship, "the movement of the Ascension will be complete only when all the members of His Body have been drawn to the Father and brought to life by His Spirit." So let us surrender ourselves to the graces of this great mystery which we celebrate today, including being brought closer to the Father and the gift of life by the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost Prayer Ministry Opportunity: The celebration of the Ascension has always been closely linked with Pentecost. So it is important to look ahead to this feast with expectant faith, with confidence that God will pour out His love and power. Many of us may have a clear understanding of where we need and want more grace in our lives, while others may not have a clear sense of how God wants to give His blessings. In either case we should expect the Holy Spirit to move with power. ***Next week, after the Sunday morning Masses on Pentecost, prayer ministry teams will be available to pray with individuuals for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*** We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit through prayer.

Priest-Seminarian Game: On a lighter note, last weekend I had the opportunity to play basketball with several other priests as a fundraiser for a parish near Jackson. The priests defeated the seminarians (as is right and just), and it was (more importantly) quite a lot of fun.

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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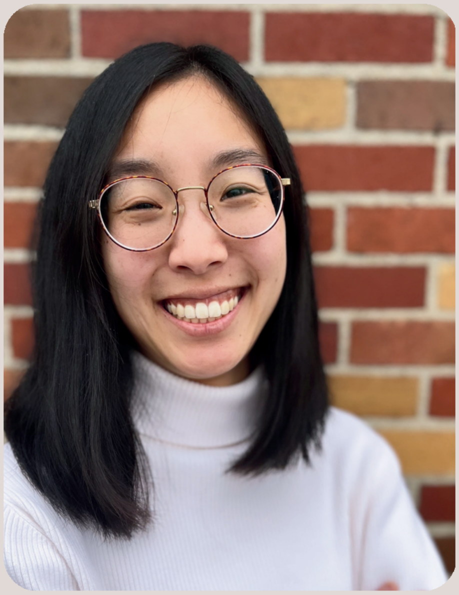

MY JOURNEY TO CARMEL: A REQUEST FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT

by Christine Kim

Dear SJB Community,

My name is Christine, and I have been a parishioner at St. John the Baptist since 2017. I have been discerning my vocation for a few years and after much prayerful discernment, I am thrilled to share that I have been accepted as a Candidate with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

My journey to Carmel didn't happen overnight, but with the Lord pursuing me in hidden, quiet ways. In my time at SJB, God has been about a healing work in my heart, desiring to show me how much I am loved as His beloved daughter. I am finding that as I receive His love, He only has more to give. One of the ways He is inviting me to more intimacy is through formal discernment with the Carmelites!

The Carmelites of the Most Sacred Heart are a community of contemplative-active sisters serving the needs of the Archdiocese through education, retreats, and healthcare. I have been drawn to the sisters' profound joy and the totality with which they express their love for God and His people. This August, I will be moving out to LA and entering Candidacy as the first step of my formation. I will live in community, grow in Carmelite spirituality, and fully immerse myself in the life of the sisters.

With this next adventure, I humbly ask for your support. I am hoping to raise at least $10,000 to cover daily living expenses throughout my initial years of formation with the Carmelites. Because I will not be working to support myself in a traditional sense, I will need to raise funds to cover these costs. Your support would allow me to focus completely on discerning God's will and not worry about the day to day necessities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely in Christ,
Christine Kim

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING CHRISTINE AS SHE BEGINS THIS NEXT STEP IN HER VOCATION JOURNEY.

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SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES"

- MAY 18TH – Ecumenism and other Religions - Evangelization

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

JUNE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5PM TO SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

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MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT
FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
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SJB IS HIRING!

Our Parish is looking to fill two open positions. Please review the job descriptions, consider applying, or pass them along to someone who may be a good fit.

- **Part-Time Bookkeeper**
- **Men's Campus Ministry Coordinator**

Most importantly, please pray that the Lord provides the right candidates for these roles.

APPLY VIA THE QR CODE

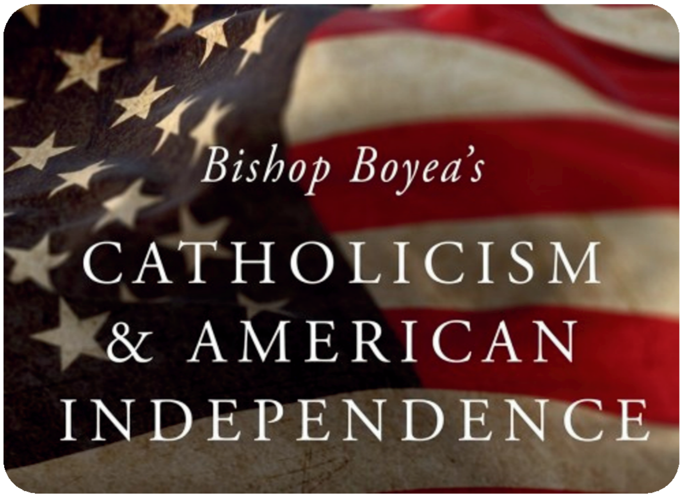
PRESBYTERATE AND DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Presbyterate and Diaconate Ordination of Seminarians for the Diocese of Lansing will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Please keep our parish seminarian, Paul Keenan, in prayer as he prepares to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

A brief reception and opportunity to receive first blessings will follow in the St. Thomas School Gymnasium.

Deacon-elect Paul Keenan will also be at our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6, to celebrate with our parish community.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
10:30 AM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, EAST LANSING, MI



BISHOP BOYEA'S CATHOLICISM & AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE SERIES

This July 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. While Catholics were very few in number in North America back then, they did have a presence. Join Bishop Earl Boyea over the next seven weeks as he reflects on the lives of our fathers and mothers in the faith in what today is the United States.

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SJB parishioners are invited to enroll their children (grades 1st - 7th) in this fun, faith-filled experience focused on the virtue of Fortitude and its daughter virtues: magnificence, industriousness, and patience.

Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
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LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

RISING FROM THE ASHES REVIVAL

The Archdiocese of Detroit extends a warm invitation to Catholics across Michigan to join the ***Rising from the Ashes Revival*** at the Huntington Place, a day to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and encounter Him more deeply in the Eucharist. Through inspiring speakers, vibrant praise and worship, and fellowship with Catholics from across the region, the day offers opportunities for prayer, formation, and community.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
RISINGREVIVAL.ORG
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SJB APPAREL STORE

The SJB Apparel Store is now open! Browse a selection of practical, comfortable gear for all ages. A portion of each purchase comes back to the parish, supporting our ministries and strengthening our shared parish life. Orders can be placed online at your convenience. Take a look and represent SJB wherever you go!

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SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Jake Meyer	Tom Moffit
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck	Ben Hunt
Caroline Stramecky	Peter Wadaga
Rebecca McKenzie	Susan Jose
Fred Hall	Barb Stimach

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18H
12:15 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH
6:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH
8:00 AM: The Intentions of Nick Lucchetti & Family
Requested by Ellen Gibson

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST
6:00 PM: The Intentions of Lily Lucchetti
Requested by Steven & Judy Lucchetti

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
8:00 AM: †Kristi Saenz
Requested by Brice Ridley

5:00 PM: †Megan McCully
Requested by Leanna McCully

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
9:00 AM: †Jack & Scott McClure
Requested by Carol McClure

11 AM: People of the Parish

Please Join Us in Congratulating

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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Feast Day - May 20th

Born in Tuscany in 1380 and raised by his aunts, Bernardine was a joyful and faith-filled child. He deeply loved the Lord and dedicated himself to a life of service. In 1400, at the age of twenty, a plague ravaged Siena. Rather than cowering in fear, as about 20 people died of the disease every day, he chose to spend his time in the hospital caring for the sick. Many who died were the nurses and caretakers. For about four months, with the help of other young men willing to care for the sick, Bernardine ran the hospital. The plague never afflicted him, but the exhaustion of it all got to him and a fever confined him for several months.

Once he recovered, he spent fourteen months looking after his aunt who had fallen ill. After her death, he took to prayer and fasting to understand the call that God had placed on his life. He discerned religious life, joined the Franciscans, and was ordained a priest. For over a decade, he lived a steady life of prayer and commitment to community life. Eventually, he was sent to Milan to preach. There, he became known for hiseloquence, wisdom, and strong and commanding voice. He drew large crowds and many people were moved by his words.

He continued to preach all throughout Italy, mostly traveling on foot. He would preach for hours, several times a day. He preached on sin and the mercy of God, the call to virtue, and devotion to Mary. The effects of his preaching were transformative, especially in towns that were divided by longstanding feuds. People sought reconciliation, and many repented of their sins and wrongdoings.

Bernardine continued preaching until his death in 1444. In addition to his preaching, he is also remembered for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Through this devotion, he popularized the symbol “IHS”, which are the first three letters of Jesus’ name in Greek. We celebrate St. Bernardine’s feast day is on May 20 and he is the patron saint of advertising, public relations professionals, and public speakers.

“THE NAME OF JESUS, IS IN FACT, THE GREAT FOUNDATION OF THE FAITH THAT TURNS PEOPLE INTO CHILDREN OF GOD. THE CATHOLIC FAITH INDEED, CONSISTS IN THE NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, AS LIGHT OF THE SOUL, GATE OF LIFE AND FOUNDATION OF ETERNAL SALVATION.”
– ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA (1380 - 1444)

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 23RD & MAY 24TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Angela Parrinello	Alex Uram
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Roger Michna	**Need Volunteer**	Carol Wack
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Need Volunteer	Marie Lenhardt	**Need Volunteer**
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Scott Wells	Mathias Gentit	Tom Kangas

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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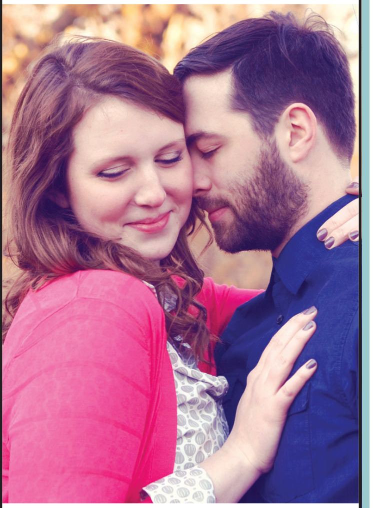

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